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Former U of T presidents George Connell (left) and John Evans test the new benches near Simcoe Hall dedicated recently to honour them on the occasion of their 80th birthdays. See story on page 9.

LISA SAKULENSKY

Two new University Professors named

BY AILSA FERGUSON

Two of U of T's top researchers — a geologist and a biologist — have been awarded the title University Professor, the highest academic honour the university accords its faculty.

The appointment of Professors **Barbara Sherwood Lollar** of geology in the Faculty of Arts and Science and **Marla Sokolowski** of biology at U of T Mississauga was approved by Academic Board at its June 2 meeting.

University Professors are chosen by a committee of distinguished scholars, chaired by the vice-president and provost. Selection is based on their

unusual scholarly achievement and pre-eminence in their particular fields of knowledge. They receive a \$10,000 research stipend for five years and retain the title until retirement when it becomes University Professor Emeritus.

Sherwood Lollar, an environmental geoscientist and Canada Research Chair in Isotopes of the Earth and Environment, said she was surprised by the news. "The best way to put it would be to say I am still stunned by the news," she said. "It is a tremendous honour and opportunity. I am deeply grateful to the University of Toronto and to the University Professors, all of whom are leaders in the powerful

integration of their research and teaching efforts with public communication and impact on the community."

Contamination of groundwater resources with petroleum hydrocarbons and chlorinated solvents represents one of the most urgent challenges facing water quality today. Sherwood Lollar's research group was one of the first to use compound-specific stable isotopes to investigate controls on the origin, transport and fate of these low-level dissolved pollutants in the subsurface. In parallel with the development of her research program in contaminant

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Three U of T professors among Top 40 Under 40

BY ELAINE SMITH

Good things must come in threes for U of T, since that's the number of University of Toronto faculty members who have been named to the 2009 Canada's Top 40 Under 40™ list.

Professors **Ike Ahmed** of ophthalmology and vision sciences, **Daniel Durocher** of molecular genetics and **Subodh Verma** of surgery and pharmacology were among the 40 Canadians under the age of 40 so honoured by the prestigious national awards program that recognizes stellar contributors in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors. Alumni Robert Normandeau, president and CEO of Clarke, Inc., and Dr. Eve Tsai, a neurosurgeon and professor at the University of Ottawa, were also named to the list.

Ahmed is the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences' research fellowship director and is the director of the Glaucoma and Advanced Anterior Surgical Fellowship; he is based at Mississauga's Credit Valley Hospital. Durocher is the Canada Research Chair in Proteomics, Bioinformatics and Functional Genomics. He is based at Mount Sinai Hospital where his research focuses on developing a global understanding of DNA damage response. Verma, who is based at St. Michael's Hospital, is the Canada Research Chair in Atherosclerosis and is working to understand the link

between inflammation and hardening of the arteries so new medicines and procedures can follow.

"The greatest asset of our Faculty of Medicine is the people who come here to learn, work, teach and improve the health of people around the world," said Professor **Catharine Whiteside**, dean of the Faculty of Medicine. "It is very gratifying for this acknowledgment of the calibre of people I have the privilege to work with every day. The

entire Faculty of Medicine takes great pride in the achievement of these individuals and we join in extending our congratulations."

All three professors were delighted with their inclusion on the Top 40 list and expressed their thanks to those who made the award possible.

"I am truly humbled by this honour and thankful to the many friends, mentors and colleagues who I work with

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NSERC honours U of T with multiple research prizes

BY JENNIFER HSU

The Natural Sciences and Engineering Council of Canada (NSERC) celebrates exceptional examples of research excellence through a wide range of prizes, and U of T researchers have won three of the prestigious awards: the Brockhouse Canada Prize for Interdisciplinary Research in Science and Engineering, given this year to U of T's **Centre for Coating Technologies** (CACT); the EWR Steacie Memorial Fellowship, awarded to Professor **Shana Kelley** (pharmacy, medicine and biochemistry); and one of the NSERC André Hamer Postgraduate Prizes with **Nadine Borduas** (chemistry) earning master's degree student honours.

In addition, David LaFreniere of the University of Montreal, a winner of the **John C. Polanyi Prize**, was a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Toronto at the time work for which he was honoured was done: the first-ever image of a planetary system outside our own solar system. The prize is named in honour of Polanyi, a University Professor of chemistry and Nobel laureate.

"Research helps create prosperity, not just in economic terms but socially and culturally as well. Science and technology are important tools for us to solve problems and make discoveries that enhance the quality of life for Canadians and for people around the

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Aging is ...

considered a problem, not a natural progression, in our youth-oriented culture. Although it is universal and inescapable, most of us fight its effects, whether in healthy ways, with exercise and proper diet, or in superficial ways, with facelifts or Botox injections.

Some of our fear of aging can probably be attributed to the western lifestyle where the nuclear family unit is the focus and aging relatives are divorced from our daily rhythms and routines. But this shouldn't be an excuse for neglecting to draw on the wisdom older Canadians have gained from their full lives and range of interesting experiences. And it's important for all of us to discover role models for living rich, meaningful lives into old age.

This issue of *the Bulletin* offers some splendid examples of lives lived fully and people whose experiences have much to offer all of us: Scarborough artist **Doris McCarthy** and former U of T presidents **John Evans** and **George Connell**.

McCarthy (see page 5), whose paintings of icebergs are almost as familiar to Canadians as Group of Seven pieces, turns 100 next month and her calendar years have finally slowed her down a bit. But here's a woman who met life head on, forging an art career for herself in the days when many women stayed home to raise families. Photos in the collection at U of T Scarborough's Doris McCarthy Gallery show her at age 66 sitting in the Arctic snow, sketchpad in hand. Even today, travel to the Arctic is time-consuming and complicated, but this senior citizen was undaunted more than 30 years ago when it was undoubtedly far more challenging.

Evans and Connell (see page 9), both about 80, remain engaged with the U of T community, regularly attending campus events. Retirement didn't keep either of them from participating in the civic and economic life of their country — 65 was simply one birthday of many. Both men worked with the Canadian Foundation for Innovation after that magic age, Evans as chair, Connell as senior policy adviser. Among their other "retirement" activities: Connell served as a member of the Ontario Press Council and Evans founded the MaRS Discovery District, where he serves as chair.

These are exceptional examples, of course, and we expect no less from our U of T leaders because excellence is our goal. But it's a reminder to look at other elders differently, too. We won't know where they've been, what they've done and what wisdom they have to offer, unless we ask.

Regards,

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FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

Professor Edgar Acosta of chemical engineering and applied chemistry is the winner of the American Oil Chemists Society's Young Scientist Research Award, recognizing a young scientist who has made a significant and substantial contribution in one of the areas represented by AOCS. Acosta received the award during the society's annual meeting May 16 to 19 in Phoenix, Ariz. Founded 1909, AOCS is a global scientific society with 4,500 members, open to all individuals and corporations who are interested in fats, oils, surfactants, detergents and related materials.

Professor Cristina Amon, dean of the faculty, is this year's recipient of Engineers Canada's Award for the Support of Women in the Engineering Profession, in recognition of her dedicated and innovative efforts to attract more women to the profession and to U of T's faculty. Professor **Constantin Christopoulos** of civil engineering garnered the Young Engineer Achievement Award, given for outstanding contribution in a field of engineering by an engineer 38 years of age or younger, while Professor **Greg Evans** of chemical engineering is the winner of the Medal for Distinction in Engineering Education, awarded for exemplary contribution to engineering teaching at a Canadian

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university. Award recipients were honoured at the Engineers Canada awards gala May 29 in Vancouver.

Professor Levente Diosady of chemical engineering and applied chemistry has been selected to receive the Institute of Food Technologists' Babcock-Hart Award, given to a member of the institute whose contributions to food technology have resulted in improved public health through nutrition or more nutritious food. Diosady has developed techniques for fortifying staples such as salt, sugar and rice with micronutrients to combat vitamin deficiencies, which adversely affect some two billion people worldwide. He will be recognized at the annual meeting and food expo July 17 in Chicago. Diosady was also elected a fellow of the American Oil Chemists Society, an honour reserved for AOCS members whose achievements in science entitle them to exceptionally important recognition. He was honoured during the society's annual meeting May 16 to 19 in Phoenix, Ariz.

U OF T LIBRARIES

Kent Weaver of Information Technology Services is the winner of the Canadian Library Association's 2010 Award for the Advancement of Intellectual Freedom in Canada, given in recognition of his demonstrated commitment to intellectual freedom for academic librarians and marks the first time an academic librarian has received the award. "Kent has shown unprecedented national leadership in advocacy for the importance of academic librarians to the academic enterprise," the announcement of the award states. Weaver received the award June 5 during the CLA's national conference and trade show in Edmonton.

COMPILED BY AILSA FERGUSON

UTSC mathematician wins Humboldt Research Award

BY MARY ANN GRATTON

Professor Ragnar-Olaf Buchweitz, a mathematician and former vice-principal (academic) and dean at U of T Scarborough, has won a Humboldt Research Award from Germany.

This prestigious award recognizes a lifetime of achievement in research and is bestowed by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, a German-based organization that promotes academic co-operation between excellent scientists and scholars from abroad and from Germany.

Awardees must be nominated by a German academic and receive funds totalling 60,000 euros (roughly \$77,000 Canadian), as well as getting the opportunity to spend up to a year co-operating on long-term research projects with colleagues at German research institutes. Another bonus is that "Humboldtians" join a large, worldwide network of fellows and are able to accept post-doctoral fellows sponsored by the foundation.



Professor Ragnar-Olaf Buchweitz of mathematics

Buchweitz said he plans to divide his research time over a three-year period. Currently in the city of Bochum in western Germany, he will be pursuing research projects with at least three universities: Ruhr University in Bochum, the University of Kaiserslautern in southwestern Germany and the University of Bielefeld in the northwest part of the country. He has also been invited to speak at universities in Saarbrücken and Münster and to attend various other

professional activities and events.

"I was delighted that I was awarded this prize," Buchweitz responded via email from Europe. "I am also humbled by this wonderful recognition by the German scientific and academic community. It's a tremendous opportunity for me to continue to strengthen collaborations with my colleagues in Germany, not just with my two nominators but also with several others."

Buchweitz's research focuses on the mathematical fields of commutative algebra and algebraic geometry. He mainly uses tools from homological algebra, which some describe as the most abstract form of pure mathematics. Work he did 20 years ago on matrix factorizations has been picked up in recent years by theoretical physicists who see it as relevant to string theory.

On June 22, the Humboldt Foundation will present the research award at a ceremony at Berlin's Schloss Charlottenburg Palace.

KEN JONES

Policy reflects updated workplace harassment legislation

BY ELAINE SMITH

The University of Toronto already has its anti-workplace harassment and anti-violence policies in place to address changes to the province's Occupational Health and Safety Act that come into effect June 15.

The amendments contained in Bill 168 require employers to have written policies in place regarding both workplace harassment and workplace violence, followed by preparation of programs to address these issues. Policies must be posted in the workplace and reviewed annually.

Governing Council approved both U of T policies at its May 13 meeting. The policies apply to employees on all three campuses. They are available online on the Governing Council website; the workplace harassment policy is available at www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6991 and the workplace violence policy can be found at www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/AssetFactory.aspx?did=6992.

The legislation defines workplace harassment as "engaging in a course of vexatious comment or conduct against a worker in a workplace that is known or ought to be reasonably known to be unwelcome." Workplace violence is generally defined as the exercise, or

threatened or attempted exercise, of physical force against a worker in a workplace that causes or could cause him or her physical injury.

"GENERALLY, THE UNIVERSITY IS A VERY SAFE WORKPLACE BUT WE ARE WELL VERSED IN DEALING WITH CASES OF HARASSMENT OR VIOLENCE WHEN THEY OCCUR."

Professor Angela Hildyard,
vice-president
(human resources and equity)

Given U of T's commitment to being an employer of choice, the university already has extensive measures and procedures to deal with issues of this nature. University offices such as equity offices and human resources have always dealt with issues involving harassment and violence.

Under the new legislation, however, the university's measures and procedures must be documented so that employees who are experiencing workplace harassment or violence know where to go and what the university is doing to respond.

The university already has an anti-workplace harassment program, otherwise known as the Human Resources Guideline on Civil Conduct (www.hrandequity.utoronto.ca/Assets/news/

[civility.pdf?method=1](#)), in place. The workplace violence program, which is being finalized, will bring together many of the university's existing measures and clarify the institution's response to these important issues.

"Generally, the university is a very safe workplace but we are well versed in dealing with cases of harassment or violence when they occur, so this isn't new territory," said Professor Angela Hildyard, vice-president (human resources and equity). "It's more a matter of making sure our employees know that there is a consistent approach to such situations."

Managers, supervisors and academic administrators will need to familiarize themselves with the policies and programs because they have responsibility under the legislation for handling issues arising from workplace harassment or violence among their employees.

"They'll be involved with reporting incidents of workplace violence, threats and attempts," Hildyard said.

Hildyard noted that there would also be administrative oversight of the most significant incidents by a tri-campus high-risk committee. The committee currently addresses these issues when they involve students.

Additional communications will be forthcoming as the details for the program are finalized.

TALKING SCIENCE



DIANA MCNALLY

Graduate student volunteers hosted U of T's Let's Talk Science Challenge May 31. Pictured are: (back row) Kathleen Turner, Daniele Merico, Julie Mason and Paul Cassar; (front row) Elena Mahno, Achire Mbanwi and Noor Salman.

Two deans to serve second terms

BY ELAINE SMITH

Professor Cristina Amon, dean of the Faculty of Applied Science and Engineering, and Professor Sioban Nelson, dean of the Lawrence S. Bloomberg Faculty of Nursing, have each been reappointed.

Amon will serve a second five-year term beginning July 11, 2011, while Nelson will serve a seven-year term beginning on the same date.

Amon, who also holds the Alumni Chair of Bioengineering in Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, joined U of T in 2006 from Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University. A trailblazer in the development of computational fluid dynamics for formulating and solving thermal design problems subject to multidisciplinary competing constraints, she has made pioneering contributions to concurrent thermal designs, innovation in electronics cooling and transient thermal management of wearable computers. More recently, her research group has pioneered the development of numerical algorithms for nanoscale transport in semiconductors and bio-engineered devices.

Author of more than 250 refereed publications, Amon has been the recipient of numerous awards and honours, including the American Society for Engineering Education Westinghouse Award and the Engineers Canada Award for Support of Women in the Engineering Profession. She was elected to the National Academy of Engineering, the Canadian Academy of Engineering and the Spanish Royal Academy of Engineering.

She is also active in professional societies and executive boards and has served the engineering profession with distinction and dedication.

Professor Cheryl Misak,

vice-president and provost, praised her exceptional leadership, noting, "Professor Amon has been a champion of communication, co-operation, transparency and increased diversity within the faculty. She has enhanced the high standards of its academic programs, strengthened its finances and increased both the faculty and its individual members' profiles, both within the University of Toronto community and internationally."

Nelson joined U of T in 2006 after serving as head of the School of Nursing at the University of Melbourne. She is a leading nursing scholar and author of two books and four edited collections, including the acclaimed *'Say little do much': nursing, nuns and hospitals in the nineteenth century* (2001); and co-editor, with Suzanne Gordon, of the prize-winning *Complexities of Care: Nursing Reconsidered* (2006), a groundbreaking work on the challenges facing contemporary nursing.

She is also editor-in-chief of *Nursing Inquiry*, a leading journal published by Wiley-Blackwells, Oxford, UK; and co-editor of the *Culture and Politics of Healthcare Work*, (Cornell University Press).

"The support for Professor Nelson's reappointment reflects her outstanding leadership of the faculty during her first term as dean," said Misak. "She has brought stability to the Bloomberg Faculty; has enhanced the stature of its academic programs and research; and has increased its profile within the University of Toronto and with the external community and professional partners. Professor Nelson has not only been a champion of the Bloomberg Faculty but also of the whole of the University of Toronto's health sciences."

Knowledge infrastructure is power

BY JENNIFER LANTHIER

They're the five little words homeowners never get to hear from contractors: on time and on budget.

But one year after winning \$151 million in government funding for capital projects on all three campuses, work is right on track, said Nadeem Shabbar, chief real estate officer.

"We're ahead of our schedule and we're on budget," Shabbar said. "It's remarkable, given the complexity of this institution."

Last May officials from the Knowledge Infrastructure Program (KIP), a joint effort by federal and provincial governments, announced the program would give \$70 million each to the University of Toronto Mississauga and the University of Toronto Scarborough to build instructional and laboratory com-

plexes. The St. George campus also received \$11 million in funding towards a \$20 million renovation of the Mining Building, a 100-year-old heritage building on College Street.

The new buildings will feature classrooms, lecture halls, labs, study areas and office space aimed at enhancing the student experience and accommodating increased enrolment. Renovations to the Mining Building will make all floors accessible from King's College Road and include a range of green features such as grey water capture and rooftop photovoltaic cells, as well as adding laboratory and studio space.

Groundbreaking ceremonies took place last fall for the two new buildings and work on all three projects is scheduled for completion by March 2011.

"What the government wants to see is what we call substantial completion by March 31, 2011, which is just around the corner," said Shabbar. "That means there can be minor things that aren't fully complete but the buildings have to be ready for us to move into them."

Because the completion date was non-negotiable, the university opted to do some of the preliminary work on the projects while waiting for KIP to decide on funding allocations.

"We made a conscious decision that we'd spend our own money in advance to do RFPs and get construction firms on board because time was marching on and when they said go we had to hit the ground running," Shabbar said. "Because we did that, when the government made its announcement, we were ready."

Two new University Professors named

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hydrogeology, she built on her long-standing research inquiries into deep gases and fluids in the Earth, and her accomplishments in this sphere are equally innovative and recognized.

Director of the Stable Isotope Laboratory, Sherwood Lollar said she intends to use the stipend to continue to support the efforts of the laboratory in its research and teaching in the area of investigation of the Earth and the environment.

For Sokolowski, a Canada Research Chair in Genetics, the designation is equally thrilling. "I'm very excited about it, it's an honour to be given it and to be in the same category with the people who have it," she said. "You work very hard for many years on your research and teaching and it's fantastic for it to be

recognized at this level of accomplishment, at your own institution."

Sokolowski has pioneered studies of the genetic and molecular underpinnings of normal variation in behaviour, using the fruit fly *Drosophila* as a model. Her major focus has been the regulation of food-related behaviours and her team has uncovered genes and molecules that influence food intake and food-related locomotion in a variety of organisms. She is best known for her discovery of the foraging gene, a cGMP dependent protein kinase that encodes rover and sitter foraging behaviour in *Drosophila*. As well she is a trailblazer in the development of a new branch of the field of behaviour genetics that addresses the genetic and molecular bases of natural individual differences in behaviour.

Sokolowski sees the stipend as "an opportunity to maybe do something a little bit different and reach out to an area you've been holding back on or that isn't traditional for granting agencies to support or maybe you don't have the preliminary data you need for a grant," she said. "So it's really nice to have it." She said she had three possibilities in mind but "I'm just not sure which yet."

"It is a great pleasure to welcome Barbara Sherwood Lollar and Marla Sokolowski into the ranks of the University Professoriate," said Professor Cheryl Misak, vice-president and provost. "The depth and breadth of talent we have at the University of Toronto never fails to impress the committee charged with deciding who, from an enormously strong list of nominees, will be awarded this distinction."

NSERC honours U of T with research prizes

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world," said NSERC president Suzanne Fortier in announcing the prize winners.

Led by Professors **Javad Mostaghimi** and **Sanjeev Chandra** of mechanical and industrial engineering, **Tom Coyle** of materials science and engineering and research associate **Valerian Pershin**, CACT — an interdisciplinary thermal spray laboratory — improves the fundamental understanding of thermal spray technology, develops enhanced tools and materials, trains students and transfers knowledge to industry.

Thermal spraying is an efficient and environmentally friendly method of applying metal or ceramic coatings. The technology is traditionally used in the automotive and aerospace industries but U of T researchers are finding new medical applications in depositing coatings on bone and dental implants and in renewable energy, where it offers a low-cost method of manufacturing fuel cells and solar panels.

The Brockhouse Prize recognizes outstanding Canadian teams of researchers from different disciplines who have combined their expertise to produce achievements of outstanding international significance in the natural sciences and engineering in the last six years.

Also working to promote environmentally sound solutions is graduate student Borduas, whose Hamer Prize is awarded to the most outstanding candidates in NSERC's

master's and doctoral scholarship competitions. Her interest lies in total synthesis — the creation of a complex organic product by executing chemical reactions from simpler pieces. Most organic chemistry is petroleum based and as the world's limited supply is depleted, the need for new base material, such as carbon dioxide and starch, will become necessary.

Borduas intends to demonstrate the usefulness and efficiency of new but under-utilized forming reactions that will aid in the production of biological products. Her research results will particularly benefit fields concerned with the environment. Her work will provide new reliable tools for chemists to use when conducting synthesis of molecules for a biological product and help to advance the entire field of green chemistry.

On the medical front, Kelley is improving technology for tuberculosis detection. In developing countries, infectious diseases result in millions of deaths each year that could be diminished with effective diagnostic techniques. By using nanomaterials to detect minuscule traces of tuberculosis and creating a rapid testing system, Kelley hopes to implement her diagnostic system in communities that cannot afford high-tech resources.

The Steacie Fellowships are awarded to enhance career development of highly promising faculty who are already earning a strong international reputation for original research.

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who put forward this nomination," said Verma.

Ahmed also expressed gratitude to those who helped make the award possible.

"This award means two things to me: recognition of all those in my life who supported and helped me to achieve success — my family, my mentors, my colleagues, my students, my friends and my patients — and recognition of innovation and out-of-the box thinking, challenging established ideas and assumptions and obsession with micro-surgical technical skills with a passion for

improving medical outcomes," he said.

Durocher concurred.

"To me, it isn't really a personal honour as much as the recognition of the hard work that my students, post-doctoral fellows and technical staff have been doing. They deserve the recognition as much as I do," Durocher said. "I also hope that the award will raise awareness of the important role that basic research plays in society."

The program, now in its 15th year, is managed by founding sponsor, The Caldwell Partners International. The

successful candidates were selected from more than 1,200 nominees by an independent advisory board, comprising of 25 business leaders from across Canada.

Honourees were chosen on five key criteria: vision and leadership; innovation and achievement; impact; community involvement and contribution; and strategy for growth.

Profiles of the winners appear in the June 7 issue of the *Globe and Mail*. They will be feted June 8 during an awards ceremony at the Canadian Broadcasting Centre.

Honorary Degrees – Call for Nominations

The Committee for Honorary Degrees welcomes nominations for honorary degrees to be awarded at convocations in 2011 and 2012. It will be meeting in September to consider nominations.

The awarding of an honorary degree is an important statement of recognition and respect from the University to the broader community. The Committee is seeking individuals who have attained a standard of excellence in a particular field of endeavour or who are distinguished in some notable manner. Some of the factors considered by the Committee are whether there has been a particular accomplishment of note (for example, an important piece of scholarly work); connection or service to the University; service to the wider community; service to or influence on the arts; service to the nation; cross-cultural influence; and recognition by others of high achievement.

Nomination forms are available on the website of the Governing Council at <http://www.governingcouncil.utoronto.ca/bac/hd.htm>. Although nominations are welcome at any time, the Committee requests that they be received no later than August 16, 2010 to allow their consideration by the Committee in September.

Please send nominations to:

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Exhibitions are centenary celebration for Doris McCarthy

BY KELLY RANKIN

Living life to the fullest is something most of us merely talk about. **Doris McCarthy** has been doing it for close to 100 years.

To mark the occasion of McCarthy's 100th birthday July 7, 2010 and to celebrate her remarkable life, an exhibition entitled *Roughing It in the Bush: The Landscapes of Doris McCarthy* will be held at her namesake gallery at U of T Scarborough and at the University of Toronto Art Centre (UTAC) from June 19 to July 24.

This is not the first retrospective of McCarthy's pieces: "One of the joys of a long life," pointed out **Nancy Campbell**, curator of the exhibition. But it will take an unusual focus, highlighting an area of McCarthy's work that has been relatively unexplored.

"I was thinking to myself, What can I do to make this

interesting to the viewers and also for Doris? I wanted to find a way to look at her work differently because it's been covered so extensively," Campbell said.

While doing her research for the exhibition, Campbell went into McCarthy's archives and found her hard-edge abstract work, paintings such as *Georgian Bay Abstract* (1969) and *Wave Movement #8* (1969) — work that has not received a great deal of attention.

"When I saw all of the hard-edge canvases together I thought they would be amazing for viewers to see," said

Campbell. But not to worry, Campbell assures viewers some of McCarthy's better known works, such as the popular iceberg

paintings, will also be on display.

The Doris McCarthy Gallery at UTSC will exhibit primarily the hard-edge abstract paintings, produced in the 60s and 70s, plus archival material, such as photographs of

McCarthy sketching in the Arctic. At UTAC viewers will find some of the hard-edge work, as well as some of the artist's better known canvases that bookend her abstract work.

Reviewing the prolific and accomplished chronology that outlines the art and life of McCarthy, one can't help turning to terms such as authentic, inspiration and pioneer. Campbell deliberately chose the title *Roughing It in the Bush* for this exhibition because it is one of her favourite books and because she saw some unique parallels between the life of the author, Susanna Moodie, and McCarthy.

Like Moodie, McCarthy's life was spent exploring terrain not immediately associated with women. Moodie, a pioneer of pre-Confederation Canada, struggled to create a new life for her family in the wilderness and McCarthy, whose works depicts a lifetime of travel and fascination with the Canadian landscape, was a young girl determined



TONI HARKENSCHIED

Doris McCarthy's painting, *Pre-Cambrian*, will be on display as part of the centenary exhibition in her honour.

to become an artist at a time when it was unusual for women to pursue careers and post-secondary education.

However, McCarthy's legacy goes beyond being a pioneering female Canadian painter. She spent 40 years as a successful art teacher at Toronto's Central Technical School, was

an active member of several art societies, an entrepreneur and a philanthropist. She has donated her home and studio, affectionately named Fool's Paradise, to the Ontario Heritage Foundation along with a \$500,000 endowment for future use as an artist's residence and retreat.

Artists and ethicists collaborate for Luminato festival

BY KELLY RANKIN

Does artistic response have a role to play in the discourse concerning international aid and development? What, if anything, can art bring to broader ethical debates? U of T will host a panel discussion to explore these questions as part of Toronto's Luminato festival, June 11 to 20.

The panel, *African Issues and the Challenge of Artistic Response*, presented by Luminato in partnership with U of T's Centre for Ethics and Volcano Theatre, takes place June 13 at 7 p.m. at the George Ignatieff Theatre.

Panelists will discuss African issues and the place of artistic response in an arena more often dominated by international development discourse. Can art be a force for change in this context? Should it be?

Participating in the discussion will be Professor **James Orbinski** of political science, a writer, doctor and former head of the Nobel-prize winning Médecins Sans Frontières; Binyavanga Wainaina, playwright of *The Africa Trilogy's Shine Your Eye*, premiering at Luminato; and esteemed author and scholar Ngugi wa Thiong'o.

As an unofficial Luminato followup to the panel, the Centre for Ethics extends the discussion of the art and ethics relationship by collaborating with Volcano

Theatre in an experimental, immersive theatre workshop entitled *inFORMING CONTENT*, June 19 and 20 at the Gerald Larkin Building.

"Moral questions often provide important resources for artistic expression and, on the other hand, artistic expression gives us access to our moral experience that is distinct from something like

"MORAL QUESTIONS OFTEN PROVIDE IMPORTANT RESOURCES FOR ARTISTIC EXPRESSION..."

**Professor
Melissa Williams**

philosophical inquiry," said Professor **Melissa Williams**, director of the Centre for Ethics.

The workshop begins with the premise that the challenges of ethical life can find their most illuminating expression through the arts, especially theatre. It will bring together ethics scholars, theatre directors, choreographers and performing arts students from across Canada to generate new works of performance art.

The first day of the work-

shop starts with a series of short public performances by the ethics scholars. Rather than giving traditional academic presentations, the eight U of T doctoral fellows and graduate associates from the Centre of Ethics have been asked to give pithy oral essays that together provide an overview of a set of moral questions in moral theory or in social practice.

The topics, chosen by the scholars, convey what they think will be productive to the artists and will include environmental philosophy, the value of a lost species, race and humanitarian relief.

The remainder of the weekend will be devoted to creating and producing performance pieces that respond to the essays. The directors, choreographers and performing arts students will form creative teams, choose performance spaces available in and around the Gerald Larkin Building and then create and rehearse their performance pieces.

The workshop concludes the evening of June 20 with a public plenary session comprising a presentation of the performances followed by a Q & A session.

For more about the panel discussion see the Luminato website **www.luminato.com**. Details for the *inFORMING CONTENT* workshop are available at **www.volcano.ca**.

Museum studies aging well

BY JENNIFER LANTHIER

Museums — public or private — are a beloved trope of fiction, a source of mystery and intrigue for everything from novels and comic books to films. But in real life?

"There's a real push these days for social ethics in museums," said Professor **Jennifer Carter** of museum studies. "We're talking about museums involving communities in programming, in exhibition development, in a much more open-ended way."

She cited the recent decision by Pitt Rivers Museum in Oxford, England, to consult Haida peoples about its collection and the Royal Ontario Museum's move to involve First Nations elders in the construction of its First Nations hall.

"Museums, as colonial institutions, developed their own categories for naming objects, so we're looking at how we can make those categories more reflective of the communities that used those objects," Carter said.

Museum studies is celebrating 40 years at the University of Toronto and the program recently hosted a sold-out conference, *Taking Stock: Museum Studies and Museum Practices in Canada*. Students, alumni, faculty and museum professionals spent more than two days wrestling with topics from pedagogy to partnering with First Nations.

"We wanted to take stock of what's been done but also

to think through and create new research alliances for the future," said Carter, conference chair. "We hope that we opened the door to different kinds of thinking and practices."

Museums are as much about narratives as collections or display and deciding what story you want to tell and how to tell it is a challenge, said museum studies professor **Lynne Teather**.

"We're grappling with the thorniest issues of people's cultures and how we represent them through the objects we hold or the way in which we show them and engage publics," Teather said.

The trend in recent years towards memorial institutions such as Holocaust museums or museums based on an idea, such as human rights, rather than a collection, also presents challenges, said Carter.

"How you present traumatic information is very sensitive and also how you institutionalize memory," said Carter. "We're talking about the role of museums in developing historical consciousness."

Teather, who began lecturing at the university in 1979, said "the conversation here has always been cutting edge." She pointed to a student thesis from 1989 that argued northern museums could only work if communities and indigenous peoples participated.

"Many of our students have gone out to push practice, to be a conscience wherever they were working," said Teather.

A U of T degree to accompany Olympic gold

AARON VINCENT ELKAIM



COURTESY OF VICKY SUNOHARA



Top: Vicky Sunohara carrying the Olympic torch. Bottom: Sunohara's twins Dreydan, (left) and Jarrett Sunohara-Thompson .

BY KELLY RANKIN

If it weren't for a Boston burglar U of T wouldn't be calling **Vicky Sunohara** one of its own.

Sunohara's academic career began in 1988 with a full hockey scholarship at Boston's Northeastern University. However, two years later, after her apartment was broken into and her roommate was held up, she decided to come home.

Coming back to Toronto marked the beginning of what was to become a remarkable career for Sunohara, although it didn't seem that way at the time. "At this time things went astray," said Sunohara.

During the first two years after returning from Boston, Sunohara suffered a serious knee injury and was cut from the national team -- the first time she had ever been cut from a team. "I was upset, I felt like such a failure. It really threw me for a loop, I wondered if I would ever play hockey again," she said.

Following this setback, Sunohara's academics began to suffer. She stopped attending classes and even had a couple of incomplete courses.

That summer Sunohara took a job as a lab technician at Cott beverages. "I enjoyed the independence that having an income provided, I had my own car," she explained. In the fall she accepted a full-time position with the company and put school on hold.

For the next couple of years she played club hockey while working at Cott. Eventually Sunohara started her hockey comeback, crediting her family, friends and Karen Hughes, her club hockey and U of T coach, for their encouragement.

In 1996, Sunohara made the Canadian national team and her hockey star continued to rise. She went on to play for six world championship gold medal teams and Canada's Olympic hockey team, taking silver in 1998 and gold in 2002 and 2006.

In spite of her success at the rink, Sunohara still had one regret. She hadn't finished university. "I'd like to think I wasn't a quitter and it was my biggest regret. I hate starting things and not finishing them."

Sunohara said the motivation to return to U of T came while attending a ceremony for U of T Olympians at the president's house after the 2006 Olympics.

In a conversation with **Liz Hoffman**, director of varsity athletics, and Professor **Bruce Kidd**, dean of Faculty of Physical Education and Health (FPEH), Sunohara mentioned she wanted to return to school. Both said they expected to hear from her and recommended she speak to **Gretchen Kerr**, associate dean (undergraduate education) at FPEH, and **Tim Linden** in the undergraduate office.

"They [all of her FPEH contacts] were so great in helping me out, advising me on what I needed to do to go back. They made it easier for me, these people really helped me out a lot," said Sunohara.

Sunohara graduates this spring with a bachelor of physical and health education. She finished her coursework in June 2009, just months before the Sept. 6 birth of her twin sons, Jarrett and Dreydan, and in time to carry the Olympic torch in December.

"Finishing school is a huge accomplishment to me. It's one of those goals that you have to get done. I would tell anyone to go back, but it was tough. I'm really proud of it. My degree will go on my wall before my Olympic medals," said Sunohara.

Dora the university explorer joins class of 2010

BY KELLY RANKIN

No one can accuse **Dora Kimberley** of acting irrationally.

Like any project manager might, Kimberley considered her options, gathered the appropriate information and, in 1989, made an informed decision to apply to U of T.

At first, Kimberley considered becoming a speech-language pathologist after years of watching her brother and nephew, both born with cleft palates, struggle to communicate with a world too impatient to listen.

As a child, Kimberley admired her brother's speech-language pathologist and she would play speech exercise games with her brother. Years later, while talking to her nephew Kimberley realized she had no trouble understanding him; she had developed an ear for his speech pattern. "It was then that I

thought there was an opportunity for a career change," said Kimberley.

Although the decision to apply to U of T was made, it would be another eight years before Kimberley entered the Woodsworth College pre-university program, now called, the Millie Rotman Shime Academic Bridging Program. Her decision to enrol was delayed by daunting thoughts of qualifying for a graduate degree in speech-language pathology. Then, one day, she let go of her agenda. "Attending university did not have to be about a career change," Kimberley said.

"I was sitting at my desk in this law firm with a beautiful view overlooking the lake when I said to myself, There will be one thing I will regret when I get to the end of my life and that is not going to university," said Kimberley. She was finally ready to act on her decision. After successfully completing the

pre-university program, she entered U of T as a part-time student in 1998.

As an accounting project manager, Kimberley was used to logical and analytical thinking. At university she learned about critical thinking, analysis, being engaged and discovering what happens on a primordial level. For her, university wasn't about building confidence or proving something, it was really about the process and the learning. Kimberley described her university experience as an aspect of becoming fully human.

"For me, university is the place where faith meets reason."

Kimberley said Woodsworth really prepared her for university, giving her the tools she needed to get started. "I didn't feel intimidated about walking into a classroom, I knew I had the skills and confidence to write an essay," said Kimberley.



Dora Kimberley

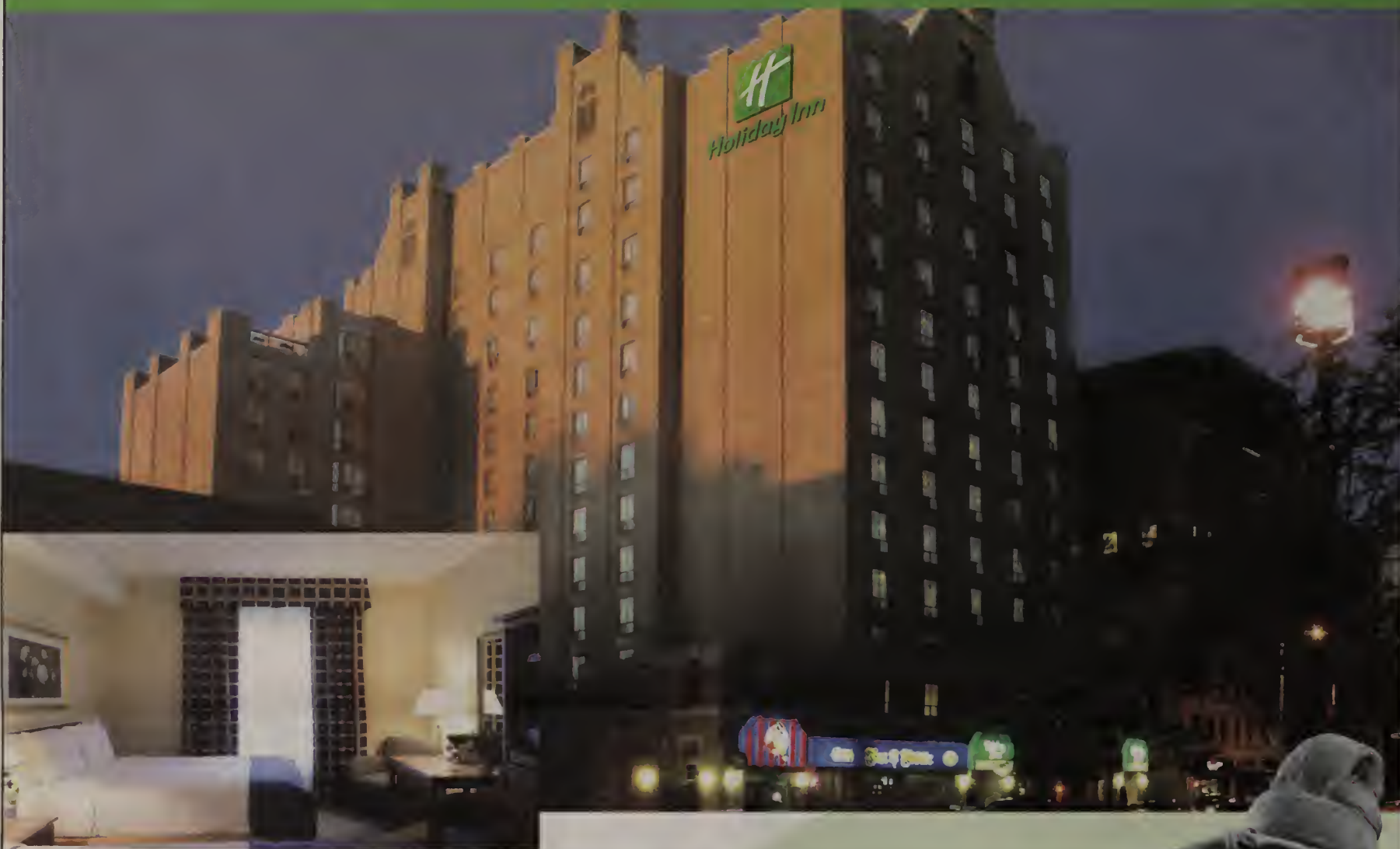
Kimberley graduates with high distinction this June with a bachelor of arts, specialist in English.



Convocation inspires young and old. Even a rain shower can't dampen the spirits. Clockwise from top right: Honorary degree recipient Preston Manning (right) addressed the June 3 graduates. Graduates (left to right) Navneet Singh, MD; Arnold Jacob, MD; Melissa Ho, MD; and Gursharan Soor, MD, pose for pictures as the rain starts falling. University of Toronto benefactor Terrence Donnelly takes a snapshot of the proud graduates. Professor Mike Wiley (surgery) poses with his son, newly minted physician Joe Wiley. MD/PhD graduate Martin Hycza with his daughter.



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It takes one man to raise a village

BY JENNIFER LANTHIER

"I'm in Guatemala for a few days — on the chicken bus right now," reads the email.

When *the Bulletin* wanted help finding faculty to explain why people volunteer, it turned to **Ken McGuffin**. But the manager of media relations for the Rotman School of Management was "on an old Bluebird bus" in the mountains of Guatemala.

Where, it turned out, McGuffin volunteers — visiting as often as five times a year.

Better known as Rotman's go-to guy for reporters, in his spare time McGuffin, 39, supports a middle school in the village of El Triunfo, a coffee co-operative, Café Justica, and a co-operative of women weavers, Asociacion Maya De Desarrollo. Over the years, he's experienced one volcanic eruption and half a dozen earthquakes. But he's also discovered a bar owned by a Canadian ex-pat where he can catch hockey games.

"I have the long weekend trip perfected," said McGuffin. "If I leave early Thursday morning I can be in the area of the village by the end of the day."

McGuffin has been helping people in Guatemala for 16 years — ever since, as an

undergraduate studying religion and political science at Wilfred Laurier University, he visited Central America for the first time.

"I had done readings on U.S. foreign policy and the war in El Salvador and I thought it would be fabulous to go to some of these places," McGuffin said. "Guatemala really grabbed me — the war was still going on, and the repression, and I said to myself, I'm going to help out some of these people."

When he returned home McGuffin created a calendar using photographs from the trip and sold it, divvying up the money between three groups he'd met in Guatemala. One group, the Asociacion Maya De Desarrollo, responded with thanks and the suggestion that he help sell their goods. For the next 12 years, McGuffin sold bags and scarves at outdoor festivals and markets.

"I've scaled back because of work," he said. "But I still have a space at St. Lawrence Market on Saturdays."

When Hurricane Stan hit Guatemala in 2005, McGuffin travelled to Guatemala to see the results for himself and the

experience moved him to raise money for families left homeless by the disaster.

"People are poor and the houses tend to be made of adobe, with tin roofs," he said. "They're literally on the side of a mountain and not built to withstand a week's worth of rain or mudslides. Five houses were uninhabitable so we

gave each family money to buy concrete blocks and rebar so they could rebuild and in the subsequent

months we raised enough money to help another five families rebuild."

As McGuffin's ties to the community grew, he faced new challenges. One day a two-page letter arrived from a villager, an illiterate father of seven. Written in eloquent Spanish, the letter explained that government funding only provided schooling up to Grade 6 and the man's two elder daughters could not continue their schooling since he could not afford the private school fees.

"The letter asked me to help empower indigenous women through education," McGuffin said. "To this day I don't know who wrote the letter but how could I say no?"



COURTESY OF KEN MCGUFFIN

Ken McGuffin (centre) poses with students from the village middle school, Instituto Mixto De Educacion Basica Por Cooperativa Caserio El Triunfo, in El Triunfo, Guatemala.

McGuffin paid for scholarships for the daughters to attend private school but, with other children in the village also needing help, he realized it would be more cost-effective to support the entire community. Working with the local economic development council he devised a plan to house the middle school inside the primary school.

"The primary school kids go to school for half-days, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, so we realized the Grade 7, 8 and 9 kids could go from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.," McGuffin said.

With the help of Bloor Street United Church, McGuffin raised enough money to purchase supplies, hire local teachers and provide small scholarships to subsidize students and their families. Throughout it all, McGuffin focused on "small, measured steps" supported by the community.

"We're not really trying to create doctors and lawyers and rocket scientists," he said. "We're talking about a situation where both parents may be illiterate and just having better literacy skills will

improve their children's life experience."

Now in its third year, the middle school boasts 65 students and work is underway to expand the building to add high school classes. With the school's needs growing, McGuffin turned to Pueblito Canada, a Toronto-based international development agency, to handle donations. (To read more about the project and how to donate go to <http://tinyurl.com/364ugn6>.)

"Many of the kids are sons and daughters of the weavers that I've known for 10 or 15 years," he said. "Many of the kids who might have been hiding behind their mothers' skirts 10 years ago are now in school."

McGuffin himself is now woven into the fabric of the village, scheduling some of his visits so he can be there for weddings and holidays.

"Some years I've spent Christmas and New Year's in the village and it's not a peaceful or silent night," he said. "Christmas Eve at midnight pretty much everybody in the entire country shoots off fireworks."

Presidents emeritii honoured for their 80th birthdays

BY JENNIFER LANTHIER

They share a keen intelligence, quick wit, enduring friendship and now, a matched pair of benches overlooking Simcoe Hall in recognition of their years at the helm of the university.

With spouses, children and grandchildren looking on, President Emeritus **John Evans** (1972-1978) and President Emeritus **George Connell** (1984-1990) tried out the new benches, just steps away from two oak trees planted 10 years ago in their honour.

"Just as the trees are side by side, so will the benches be side by side, in honour of these two great citizens of the university," said President **David Naylor**.

Evans, who turned 80 last fall, and Connell, who turns 80 later in June, "both served during very important periods when the university was undergoing transitions," said Naylor.

"It's terrific to have them here to celebrate. Both of them in different ways made absolutely critical contributions."

Connell, a former professor and chair of the Department of Biochemistry at U of T, also served as president of the University of Western Ontario from 1977 to 1984. An officer of the Order of Canada and principal adviser to the Krever Inquiry on Canada's blood donor system, he is also a brilliant strategist, Naylor said, who produced a seminal document on long-range planning.

"George also set the stage for fundraising which has been a big part of the university's continued success," Naylor said, "and he drove a lot of the development in graduate studies and research differentiation."

Evans, founding dean of the faculty of medicine at McMaster University before becoming U of T president, is widely regarded as one of the founders of the biotechnology industry in Canada. Chair of the board of directors of MaRS Discovery District, he was founding director of the Population, Health and Nutrition Department of the World Bank and is a fellow of

the Royal Society of Canada and a companion of the Order of Canada.

Many of the current structures of governance at U of T were put in place during Evans' time in office, Naylor said.

The ceremony was serious, but it had its lighthearted moments, too.

"I believe my bench is supposed to be gold," said a deadpan Evans. "And where are the cushions?"

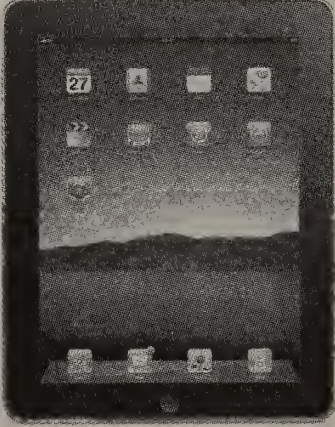
As guests toasted the former presidents and Evans and Connell sparred over whose oak tree was taller, undergraduate Faculty of Arts and Science student **Hernan Bancalari** approached the now-deserted benches and took a spot in the sun next to the plaque explaining Evans' contributions to the university. As OISE student **Diana Ortiz** joined Bancalari, Naylor and Evans congratulated them on being the first to use the benches.

"I can't believe it," Bancalari said. "I was just looking for a place to sit and I get to meet all these presidents."


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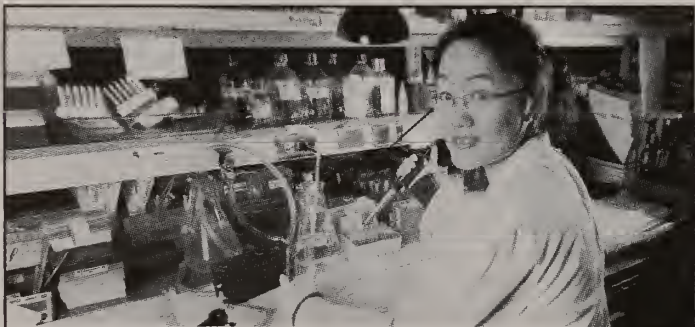
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LECTURES

Modern Memoirs and Bloomsbury's Memoir Club.
Wednesday, June 16
Prof. Em. S.P. Rosenbaum, English. 119 Northrop Frye Hall, Victoria University. 7 p.m. *Friends of Victoria University Library*

SEMINARS

Hematogenous Dissemination Mechanisms of Pathogenic Spirochetes.
Monday, June 14
Tara Moriarty, University of Calgary. 237 Fitzgerald Building. 11:30 a.m. *Dentistry*

India's Past and Present: How History Informs Contemporary Narrative.
Monday, June 14
Prof. Em. Romila Thapar, Jawaharlal Nehru University. Vivian & David Campbell Conference Facility, Munk School of Global Affairs. 3 p.m.
Registration: www.munkschool.utoronto.ca. *Munk School of Global Affairs and International Development Research Centre*

MEETINGS & CONFERENCES

Curation Matters: The First Digital Curation Institute Conference.
Wednesday, June 16 and Thursday, June 17
This conference will promote the research in the area of digital curation, refine the DCI model and take the first steps towards defining its research agenda. Topics will include modelling

COMMITTEES

Call for Nominations
In accordance with Section 66 of the Policy on Librarians, the provost has issued a call for nominations of individuals to serve on the advisory committee that will advise the president on the appointment of the chief librarian. Carole Moore will complete her current term as chief librarian of the university June 30; she will not be seeking reappointment. The policy specifies that the vice-president and provost or designate will chair the committee. The committee will have 12 additional members of whom no fewer than seven shall be appointed from within the library system and of whom no fewer than four will be librarians in this university. The committee will be appointed by the vice-president and provost and be as representative of the university community as is feasible.
Nominations for the committee should be sent by June 10 via the vice-president and provost's website online form at www.provost.utoronto.ca/committees/advisory/LIBR.htm. Questions should be directed to Helen Lasthiotakis, director (academic programs and policy), at 416-946-0501; h.lasthiotakis@utoronto.ca.

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DORIS MCCARTHY GALLERY U OF T SCARBOROUGH
Doris McCarthy: Roughing It in the Bush.
June 19 to July 24
On the occasion of Doris McCarthy's 100th birthday in July. A selection of rarely seen hard-edge paintings, primarily from the 1960s, provide a departure point from which to examine the Canadian landscapes that McCarthy has become known for. The exhibition will also include ephemera from her many travels in the wilderness and the north; in collaboration with the U of T Art Centre. Gallery hours: Wednesday to Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

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Doris McCarthy: Roughing It in the Bush.

June 19 to July 24

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Pond Ecology.
Saturday, June 19
Grab one of the nets and buckets and meet the array of creatures in and around our ponds. Learn about the life and death struggles they face to survive and reproduce between freezes. Workshop instructor: Shannon McCauley, post-doctoral fellow at U of T. 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Koffler Scientific Reserve at Jokers Hill, 17000 Dufferin St., King Township. Fee \$60, includes instruction, materials and lunch. Registration: <http://ksr.utoronto.ca>.



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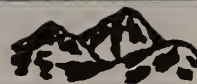


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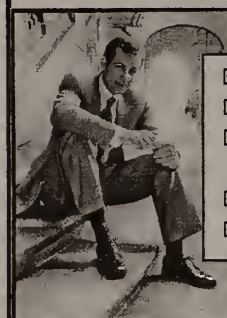


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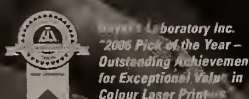
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SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION

BY GALE MOORE

"Scholarly communications covers a broad range of activities, including the discovery, collection, organization, evaluation, interpretation and preservation of primary and other sources of information, and the publication and dissemination of scholarly research."

Mellon Foundation, 2008 Annual Report, 30.

When you think of innovation, scholarly communication might not come to mind but the turn to the digital is potentially as "disruptive" here as it has been elsewhere.

Why does it matter? Scholarly communication is central to every scholar's career. The outputs of scholarly activities are the building blocks of reputation. They are key in decisions about tenure and promotion and in the allocation of research grants, academic awards and honours. They are significant not only for individuals but for institutions. The collective scholarly record informs the metrics and rankings that differentiate universities in the competition for resources. So, much depends on scholarly communication.

Scholarly communication is often defined narrowly to mean publication and dissemination of scholarly research primarily through books, monographs and journal articles. The Mellon Foundation's 2008 definition [above] expands this to include a range of activities from discovery to dissemination and leaves space for the changes emerging as the digital is increasingly embedded in all aspects of everyday life.

What does this mean for scholarly communication? The answer, in large measure, could, or more strongly, should, depend on scholars. The technical and material conditions offer up a set of possibilities but the particular practices that emerge, the different ways of understanding the opportunities and challenges are social. However, scholars are not alone — publishers, research funders, university administrators, librarians and IT specialists and others each play a role in the scholarly communication system. The range of intellectual and financial interests suggests the potential for unanticipated consequences is high.

What's happened so far? Scholars generally have now adapted their practices to engage with digital technologies, especially when this has improved their work practice in some way. Access to the journal literature online and increasingly to books online has generally been well received. The cost of this access did not affect scholars directly, at least not initially. However, as subscriptions to journals began to be cut in the 1980s — largely in the scientific, technical and medical fields where the cost is high, and others realized that libraries collectively face regular expenditures of millions of dollars for the licensing fees to support this access, many began to wonder if there might



be another way.

Open Access (OA) — literature that is accessible online free of charge and free of most copyright and licensing restrictions — is one response. OA is not prescriptive in terms of "where" a scholar publishes — she can continue to publish in the society, commercial or open access journals of her choice, and the majority of commercial journal publishers, at least in the sciences, now permit some form of open access. Open access urges scholars to self-archive, that is, to include their work in an online archive or repository accessible to all. Today there are 1,764 institutional and subject archives or repositories, including U of T's T-Space, listed in the Registry of Open Access Repositories. The contents are discoverable through Google and an argument for self-archiving is that it makes your work available to the global community.

By way of example, last week I received email from a faculty member interested in a paper I recently posted to T-Space. The paper, written for a specialized art and design conference, had been published in a volume with limited distribution. When the paper was initially accepted, I reserved sufficient rights to make the paper available in T-Space and there were several wins — the paper counts academically as it was peer-reviewed, I enjoyed the benefit of an intimate and specialized meeting, I have a small volume for my bookshelf and I am assured of global access to my work.

Public funding and access are increasingly linked. Major funders, including the U.S. National Institutes of Health and Canadian Institutes of Health Research, have passed mandates requiring publications that result from publicly funded grants be deposited in

an online, openly accessible archive. Harvard, University College London and others have passed mandates or policies in support of OA practices and articles on OA appear regularly in publications such as *The Chronicle of Higher Education*. OA was a theme at the recent 2010 Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences.

Who pays? Technology often makes explicit what was formerly implicit. The Internet, the World Wide Web and the 1993 launch of Mosaic, the browser that made the web openly accessible to millions of non-technical people around the globe, have made it possible to do things in new ways and encourage inquiry into traditional practices. Research on the economics of publishing by commercial, society and OA publishers, university presses and scholars has exploded. This engagement, or what at times looks more like a battleground, is generating new ideas. In the university sector consider the University of California's eScholarship which "provides a suite of open access, scholarly publishing services and research tools that enable departments, research units, publishing programs, and individual scholars associated with the University of California to have direct control over the creation and dissemination of the full range of their scholarship."

To this point my focus has been largely on text-based content, or on doing old things in new ways. What about doing new things? Not to mention asking new questions, developing new methodologies and creating and working with multimedia content. Here too experiments are underway across the intellectual landscape. A technology infrastructure referred to as

cyberinfrastructure that combines mass storage, high-performance computing and other core technologies is leading to new network applications, not only for scientists but also for humanists and social scientists. Rome Reborn, an international collaborative project is one example. Hybrid forms that bridge the physical and virtual worlds also exist. Ubimark books, part of Sorin Matei's research at Purdue, incorporate QR codes in physical books. The codes can be "translated" by a smart phone to open an embedded URL or other information. It's easy to see how a scholarly paper or book in cinema studies, history or art might be enhanced if the reader had immediate access to the film clips and the images being analysed and discussed.

Are we looking in only one direction? The continued struggle with the cost of text-based dissemination may turn out to be short-sighted indeed as new ways of creating and disseminating knowledge come increasingly to the fore. It's unlikely these will be less expensive, and who will pay?

Do new practices and forms of knowledge creation "count"? Scholars interested in new practices, methodologies and media are unable to work in these ways if they "don't count." Individual disciplines and fields have accepted norms about what constitutes knowledge and how the legitimacy of a new knowledge claim is established. While faculty are appointed to a department, faculty or other academic unit that regulates and administers the reward system of tenure, merit and promotion, it is the scholarly communities to which individual faculty members belong, who through processes such as peer review, evaluate the claims on which local institutional decisions depend. Senior faculty may be able to afford the risk associated in engaging with new practices, yet is often their junior colleagues who are at the leading edge of these changes who can't afford to move away from traditional, often print-based forms. How might new work be evaluated? And what's lost if it doesn't count?

There are more questions than answers and your input will help shape the future of scholarly communication. If you've stayed with me this far, I hope that I can engage you in my research. A survey to better understand emerging trends, attitudes and practices regarding scholarly communication at the University of Toronto is forthcoming. If you receive an invitation to participate, I hope that you'll do so.

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